Our Chairman, Delegate Jerry Moore, also chairs the Council Committee and it was his judgment that it would be well for the hearings of our committee and I would think the same principle might apply to some others to reschedule during the week when the Council was having no hearings or meetings, committee meetings or meetings of full council.

THE CHAIRMAN: And that is the second week?

DELEGATE CHARLES MASON: That is the second week.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Delegate Moore, Blount, Johnson, Nihikian, Terrell.

DELEGATE TALMADGE MOORE: I withdraw.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Blount.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Delegate Blount, Ward 7. The Judiciary Committee is pleased to accept the times and dates that you have scheduled on the 12th, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Convention Hall and on the 14th, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.,(sic) at Convention Hall. But there is one minor error. It should be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those of you who have this sheet, make this correction. The Judiciary Committee is accepting the times assigned to it, except that on the 14th it should be 10:00 to 2:00 rather than 10:00 to 12:00.

Delegate Johnson.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: The chair of the Suffrage -- as chair of the Suffrage Committee, I sent the memorandum on March the 4th. I sent a memorandum dated March the 4th to the First Vice President of our committee who was our committee coordinator to request information on procedures for the public hearing.

I further made my wishes known on what our dates would be because it is the preference of the Suffrage Committee to try to -- since we will have proposed articles drafts ready hopefully for our public hearing, it was our desire to give those people who we will contact a chance to respond and two weeks' notice for the public hearings.

We requested the dates April 8th, 13th and 15th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. and of those three dates we have only one, April 8th, that has been given to us. I find this unacceptable. We had, I thought, settled the time. There was no conflict in time with the Local Government Committee. And since she requested Convention Hall, we had requested the City Council Chambers. There was no problem with that; there are public hearings going on all over the city at the same time everyday.

So we are in a quandary right now and we respectfully request that we be reconsidered for -- we have notices ready to go out and we thought everything was all straight and

we would like reconsideration of what we have received this afternoon.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you understand that what you are asking would give us on the 13th four hearings and --

DELEGATE JOHNSON: No. We will not be ready --

THE CHAIRMAN: You just asked for the 8th, 13th and 15th.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: Right. We will not be ready for the 6th.

THE CHAIRMAN: You didn't understand me. What you are requesting now, 8th, 13th and 15th, the results of that would give us a fourth hearing on the 13th. All right. Education, Health Housing and Local Government and Suffrage; that's the sort of thing that if you are in a quandary, what we are trying to do is to limit the number of hearings per day. So that's the reasoning for that. I understand it's acceptable but there was a reason. What we are trying to do is to juggle it and get a minimal number of hearings so the maximum amount of the public would be able to attend the hearings.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: I understand the reason but in terms of our being able to organize and proceed with what we feel we need to do to prepare for a public hearing, we

wouldn't have time to react for an April 6th meeting. We didn't get direction when we asked for it, so we have just more or less gone ahead. We requested through the Executive Council the dates 8, 13 and 15 and we just would like to carry on --

THE CHAIRMAN: You understand that you couldn't have gotten direction. Everybody submitted; there were many conflicts. We then at that point tried to make a schedule such as this that would spread them out as much as possible. Now I understand that other people have problems too, but however this works out, as long as we stick to this two-week period; it appears that we can't go beyond this two-week period because we do have some work to do after these hearings regarding the actual meetings of the various articles and the first, second and third reading.

So I have noted your concern. We will struggle with it some more.

Delegate Nihikian is next.

DELEGATE NIHIKIAN: Mr. President, I think that we can live with the times that have been scheduled, except that you left out the evening portion of our hearing for the 13th which is 6:00 to 9:00. And I assume there is not a problem with that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Other than that, that's satisfactory?

DELEGATE NIHIKIAN: I think that's fine with our committee. I assume that the CCC means City Council Chambers?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. Let's go back and ask Delegate Johnson: What you are saying is you could only accept a schedule which --

DELEGATE JOHNSON: No. We had asked for --

THE CHAIRMAN: I know what you asked for, right. Everybody is asking but I don't think everybody is going to get exactly what they want. Some people say they could live with it. I'm saying are you telling us that aside from what you asked for that you can't accept any time during the first week?

DELEGATE JOHNSON: We have spent a lot of money in getting fliers printed already for the dates of the --

THE CHAIRMAN: Other committees have done the same thing also.

DELEGATE JOHNSON: That's another thing. Some people sent things out, you know, and we were trying to abide by whatever rulings there were ever going to be and I mean we're talking about this now and we still don't have two weeks' notice. But those people --

THE CHAIRMAN: You haven't answered my question. Let

me state it again. Are you saying that you can only accept periods during the second week and you cannot accept them during the first week?

DELEGATE JOHNSON: I'm not saying that.

THE CHAIRMAN: You could accept some time during the first week?

DELEGATE JOHNSON: I'm not saying that either. I'm saying we could accept the date of the 8th, which we are scheduled for, and we wanted three meetings. Now if there is going to be a ruling that we cannot have three, then, yes, we would rather have the second week.

THE CHAIRMAN: I'm not prepared to make rulings. I would like to work this out. There is no reason to be hard and fast unless we can't resolve things to everybody's satisfaction. So I understand what you are saying.

Thank you very much.

Did you have a point of personal privilege, Delegate Thomas?

DELEGATE THOMAS: I just wanted to explain to you that we have spent a lot of money getting the fliers ready.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Terrell.

DELEGATE TERRELL: Mr. President, I am sure we all understand the problem of trying to schedule. I remember

at our meeting I did state that we could not move our dates earlier. However, we wanted to move them back if that was at all possible.

What I am trying to say is that (a) we have no problem, but it would be impossible for us to be ready for a hearing on the 6th. It's no way possible we could do that. So we might be able to reschedule something beyond the 8th and reschedule us for the next week for some other time.

THE CHAIRMAN: The 8th is okay.

DELEGATE TERRELL: The 8th is fine.

THE CHAIRMAN: But any other date during that week is not fine?

DELEGATE TERRELL: Right.

THE CHAIRMAN: May we schedule you on a date that following week which fits in with the others?

DELEGATE TERRELL: Yes, you may.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

All right. Any other committee chair who cannot possibly meet during the first week? That's the question now. Any other chair who must have his or her meeting during the second week? We've got two weeks. Somebody is going to have to be in this first week.

We're going to have to look at this again to try

to satisfy as many people as possible. Any other comments on this schedule? Delegate Baldwin.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Yes, Mr. President, I would like to speak to the schedule of these committees. I think, number one, we can't extend the period for holding hearings by one week. I think the committee chair must understand one thing, with the exception of the Education Committee and the Executive Committee, who by previous action and in fact very early action got approval for their hearing, all other chairpersons took some action on their own and they must assume when they didn't follow the rules and took those actions on their own, they must suffer the consequences.

What I'm saying we should do, number one, extend our time allowed for one additional week; also take a look at whether or not we can as a body act on some proposals prior to a hearing. There might be some proposals because some committees do have some adopted and approved and as a group we could start some discussion around it. But there are many things that have to be worked out regarding the schedule.

Number one, the rule specifically states that the Chair shall approve the announcements, passing out the fliers. No committee had a right to spend any money to do it. It was

not in their power if they did. And just because one asked for a date, the first one that asked, it's just rather difficult to work it out, if you've got five or six people scheduled for one date. So I think all of us ought to try to be understanding, try to work out something. And I really believe we might be able to extend one week, which will probably bring us during the first week in May.

I think if we look at some of those things, we might be able to resolve our problem. I really think we can resolve it. I know it's a rather difficult task on you, Mr. President, but if we look at all those places where there is duplication and see if we can't work out something pretty close to what the chair wants.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. Before I recognize anybody else -- Delegate Harris.

DELEGATE HARRIS: In light of that discussion, Mr. President, I would like to move that,if you find it necessary,that you can extend the hearings into the next two weeks.

THE CHAIRMAN: Can I get a second to that?

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. It was moved and seconded that if we cannot work out these hearing schedules to the

general satisfaction of all the committee chair, inasmuch as it was felt that that first week is a little premature to prepare for, the President is authorized to go in the second week, which means that some of those who are now in the second week will go into the third. Okay. And you will accept that?

Most of the problem is that people don't have sufficient time; we will also decide where to meet -- in the City Council Chambers or here in order that we don't have two committee hearings attempting to meet here.

Delegate Cooper.

DELEGATE COOPER: I would like to offer a substitute motion that the week in question, being the week of the 19th, would be used as a week for conference committee work rather than hearings because of the need that will definitely arise for conference committees to work out overlappage in their committee functions.

DELEGATE THOMAS: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. It has been moved and seconded that that third week, which is now the proposal for extending the hearings, be used for conference week, conference committees week.

Any discussion on that?

Delegate Schrag. I'm sorry. Blount, Schrag, Barnes and Baldwin.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I wanted to speak to this earlier, Mr. Chairman, because I thought that this would be resolved without going through all of these substitute motions.

Basically, the question is shall we have more than two or three hearings on a certain date? And actually I don't see any problem with that. So I would just urge the chair when you are making your decisions to just decide if you will have one hearing on a certain date. Therefore, your particular motion would not be necessary because we would have that week to do committee work. I think the hearings should be within the time frame that have already been set.

THE CHAIRMAN: That's one against, right? More discussion. Delegate Schrag.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: It seems to me that the decision we are about to make is actually of some importance and may be very influential in whether we can get a constitution written on time or not.

Before I can vote on either the Harris motion or the Cooper substitute, I feel I need to know when these committees are going to come to an end and when the plenary debate on a daily basis is going to start in this convention.

DELEGATE COOPER: Point of order.

Delegate Schrag is not speaking to the substitute motion that is on the floor.

THE CHAIRMAN: I think he is.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: As parliamentarian, he is speaking to the substitute motion.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: If we are going to cease committee meetings altogether in the third week of April, then it seems to me we can't possibly have a third week of hearings because there will be no time to rewrite the provisions or the articles after we have heard from the public.

And furthermore from my observation of some of the committee work, some of the committees aren't going to have complete drafts ready even at the time of public hearings. They are going only have outlines and, therefore, a lot of initial drafting work is going to have to be done the third week of April, even perhaps the fourth week of April.

So I think we need a calendar for the balance of the convention before we can make the judgment on the Cooper motion.

If the Executive Committee has information available to us, that perhaps was going to be presented later in the session today on the calendar, it might be appropriate for them

to do so now before we decide this issue.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. The answer to your question, if there was a question left with us, we don't have an answer to that. There has been no planning for exactly how we come together after the hearings, other than to assume that we finish writing our constitution; that those two weeks are simply to provide us information to be of assistance to us.

Delegate Barnes.

DELEGATE BARNES: I would like to speak against the Cooper amendment for the simple reason that the Economic Development Committee tentatively -- well, we voted on having public hearings the 20th and the 27th which is beyond the period on this sheet. Therefore, in order for us to either establish those as our hearing dates or just -- I think we will need more time and we can't begin to --

THE CHAIRMAN: Further discussion on the substitute motion?

Harris, Baldwin.

DELEGATE HARRIS: It seems to me that the substitute motion is incorporated in the original motion in that the original motion says, if necessary -- if the chair finds it necessary to extend to the next week, he can. But he is going to try to work within the period that is here. So it doesn't preclude us from having conference meetings and it

doesn't say we must go into a full third week. So really it's incorporated into the original motion.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Mr. President, I do share Delegate Schrag's concern. I stand to speak in opposition to the substitute motion because I don't see that as a solution to the problem. We need more time and I think all of us are realists and, if we are not going to be prepared to hold hearings that first week, then you should be dealing with this point and no one seems to be speaking to that.

I doubt that we have any committees that are ready to begin their hearings. So if you don't have them, then why not speak to that problem rather than all these other things we tend to speak to?

THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor of cutting off the debate, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Ready for the question, the question on the original motion by Delegate Harris.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Point of information. Could you repeat the motion?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Cooper's motion is that instead of having a possible second week or a possible week, which would be the third week, that that be set aside for conference sessions. That's the substitute motion.

All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(Several "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed.

(A chorus of "nays".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion loses. The original motion applies.

DELEGATE COOPER: If necessary, the hearing could be extended to the next week.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is that motion clear?

DELEGATE BLOUNT: If I may take a chance, I think I would like to move -- I think it's the general consensus of the body -- I would like to move that the hearings remain within the time frame that we already have and that if the Chairman has to place three or four hearings on the same date, then he will do that.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE BLOUNT: A substitute motion I'm making.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is that a substitute motion?

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I think that would clear it all up. It says that the time frame for the public hearings would remain as they are, but the Chairman, within his wisdom, if he would have to schedule more than three or four public hearings on the same day, if he has to do that, then go ahead and do it. So we still can have public hearings within the same time frame.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?

(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: There is a substitute motion on the floor. The substitute motion is that the President be empowered to keep with the existing two-week schedule and if there need to be three or more hearings at the same time on the same day, so be it. Delegate Kameny.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Mr. Chair, while I think that many of us might like to attend as many of the committee hearings as possible largely as spectators, I think the only thing that we really need to -- given the problems we are having -- that we have to make allowance for is that each committee member, if he or she wishes, can in fact participate

in the hearings of his or her own committee. Now given that the committees are divided into two groups, what this means is that if you really came into a crunch, you could make allowance for those concerns and have up to five hearings, if you wish, all Group One on one day and five hearings, all Group Two on the other day, and every delegate would be able to be present for both of his or her own committees.

Therefore, I see no problem within that constraint of dividing out to Group One and Group Two committees with having multiple committees up to a full side lining one day--multiple hearings, I'm sorry -- up to a full side lining one day.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me state my intent in trying to avoid multiple hearings on one date. I was not really concerned with the convention, all these delegates, inasmuch as the delegates have had the opportunity to attend the various committee meetings anyway. The purpose of the hearings is not for us to witness or to participate in. The purpose of the hearings, as I see them, is to receive input from the public.

Therefore, I was hoping that as much of the public would be able to attend all the hearings that they like. It appears that since we have ten committees, each of which wants

at least two meetings except for one, that that is just impossible. So there will have to be some hearings going on the same day and some at the same time.

The substitute motion on the floor. Have there been two for and two against?

Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE CHARLES MASON: Yes. I was supporting the proposition that has just been mentioned but I wanted to add that if an individual -- and I was speaking if an individual wants to testify -- wants to testify at more than one hearing before more than one committee, this would probably still be possible. We should see that it is.

For instance, the Education Committee is meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. If somebody wants to testify before that and at another committee meeting some time that day, he could do it quite easily. The same would be true with most of the other committees because they would be having -- if they didn't have a very long session like that, they would have more than one, hopefully at different times of the day, so that no prospective witness would be denied the opportunity to testify before any or all committees that he wants to testify before. That I think can still be done and have as many as three or four hearings going on simultaneously, particularly during that second week when there

will be more space available in the District Building and no conflicts with Council hearings and meetings.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

Delegate Bruning.

DELEGATE BRUNING: I move the previous question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those in favor of cutting off the debate, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion is that the President be allowed to function or to schedule all hearings within -- or make the best attempt to schedule all hearings within the two-week period and, if there will be some hearings that are going on on the same day, that that is something we have to live with.

All in favor of that motion, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion carries.

I would like to go to item number (b) now. Let me say this: I will try to have posted on the bulletin board out here Monday morning the schedules showing -- I know everybody wants to make his announcements, right -- on the bulletin board outside Monday morning by 10:00.

Yes, Delegate Coates.

DELEGATE COATES: Mr. President, is the City Council Chamber available all day on the 12th and the 14th?

THE CHAIRMAN: That we don't know. We understand that Councilman Jerry Moore is the individual who is expediting the scheduling of that. Council Member Mason may know better than anybody else here at this moment.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Councilman Moore stated Thursday that if we keep delaying, we cannot get anything in the District Building because he has a procedure to go through.

DELEGATE COATES: The reason I ask is to indicate to the Chair that the committee would not want to be restricted to the time from 6:00 p.m. if the chambers are available early on either on the 12th or the 14th.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Nihikian.

DELEGATE NIHIKIAN: Mr. President, just so I am clear, at this point in time should we assume that the times that you have given us on the schedule, and if we did not have a problem with them, are fixed or should we assume that there still may be some juggling between now and Monday morning?

THE CHAIRMAN: I would say it would be advisable to wait until Monday morning, because I am trying to make as few conflicts as possible, keeping as many people in that second week as possible, especially those who say they can't function during the first week.

Okay. The next item of business, introduction of Public Information Officer. The Executive Committee met with three public information officers. The one selected was a Mr. Eddie L. Madison. Mr. Eddie L. Madison has not been available for notification of this particular meeting. We wanted to have him here and introduce him to you. He will be on the job as of Monday morning and we will meet him any day during next week.

The next one, courtesy to staff. Let me say from time to time there seems to be a problem in our relationship of our delegates with our staff people. I want to encourage us all to recognize that our staff people came onboard late, that we have been functioning since January 31st, one way or

the other, meeting at pre-convention meetings, making decisions, making recommendations, getting things published, getting things printed. When our staff came on board, they had the responsibility to find secretarial help for us, to find research assistant help for us, to line up rooms for us, to get supplies, to make arrangements with the city to get us paid. I understand we have been paid now. There is a lot of work for our staff to do.

Many delegates have felt that they had the right and the privilege at any time of walking into the Executive Secretary's office and making specific demands of things to be done immediately. That has resulted on occasion in some unpleasantries, indicating perhaps some intemperance on the part of some delegates. And I understand that recently this even involved the raising of voices and the slamming of doors by a delegate.

And I want to say that we have a very small staff, a very small staff, and that staff takes its instructions from the policy determined by the Executive Committee and it's me, as the President, to whom the Executive Secretary reports. You cannot go in and ask the Executive Secretary to do something immediately because you need it and of course if she can't do it.

Discourtesy and raising of voices and so forth is not going to help. I please ask everybody to try to be as tempered as possible. I know that we all have things to be done, we need them right away. We don't have all the secretarial help and we have to follow some particular procedure.

A cardinal rule is that we are courteous to our staff. My observation is that our staff is courteous to us at all times, both as individuals, as human-beings and also as an employee. And I implore us all to try to control whatever feelings we may have along those lines.

Security of convention property: We have been losing things. This Thursday we had two typewriter elements stolen. Those things cost $30.00 apiece.

Somebody stole the Secretary's copy of the rules. That's very important. That's why he is so quiet today.

Okay. Now, some other items associated with our reproduction and typing have been stolen. Now we all have free access to the office, to all the offices during the day. I know that no one of us is stealing anything, but we need to keep our eyes open to make certain that we don't allow anybody to lift anything. We even had papers missing. Something is being in the process of being typed, it is laying on

the desk and it disappears. Any delegate who would be involved in that would be deliberately attempting to undermine the convention. So obviously it can't be a delegate. So we need to make certain that we don't allow anybody else to steal anything or borrow anything or that we don't borrow anything ourselves intending to return it and then forget to do that.

DELEGATE CORN: I would like to make a suggestion.

There are, as you know, a lot of people who come and visit here and attend meetings, this, that and the other. I had suggested originally that a book be present for people to sign in. I will go one step further and in this open hallway put a desk, a chair, a secretary and a typewriter so that somebody can sit there and do some typing. As everybody comes in, she can say "Sign this book; which room are you going to", besides the delegates.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now Delegate Corn has made a suggestion. I'm going to ask the Executive Secretary if she will try to devise a means of improving our security. Whatever that involves, you may take into account Delegate Corn's suggestions. But let me give her that responsibility and, of course, I admonish us all to assist in protecting our things being lifted.

It was proposed -- you know, we have indicated at one time that we were considering having all-day hearings starting the first week in May for four solid weeks everyday, Monday through Friday. We will continue to have our plenary session on Saturday.. This would mean if you are having hearings all day or half a day, that means administratively for all of us you work and report to an employer.

I have said that at one time we would ask the Mayor if he would grant that to all of us. It has been pointed out by many delegates that even that would not be all that helpful because that doesn't protect them from the wrath of their direct supervisors and certainly can't be that protective.

There are also people who work for private employers who would not be protected. Then there was a suggestion that we meet at night from 6:00 to 10:00, 6:00 to 11:00 every night. What the Executive Committee has decided is that we had better wait until after our public hearings and make a decision at that particular time. We will have more experience on committee meetings; the public hearings will indicate it to us to some degree the volume of work that we will have to do. Certainly, we will take the minutes of those public meetings into account.

We will also have some idea of what we are prepared

to do. Maybe we will be better prepared to say then whether we are willing to meet all day or if we want to meet everyday say from 6:00 to 11:00.

So the Executive Committee is proposing that we not establish any all-day sessions until after the public hearings. Immediately after the public hearings, we can then decide what our meeting time frame will be from that time forward.

I think we have dealt with the question of the quorum on the Rules Committee meeting, but we have not dealt with the question of the quorum of Delegate Corn. Have you been able to settle the issue of getting the quorum at your meeting?

DELEGATE CORN: I've had that problem at a number of meetings. We have had quorums but what happens, for instance --

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you still need help from the Executive Committee?

DELEGATE CORN: Well, I have proposed an amendment to the Rules and Calendar Committee. That would greatly facilitate things, but I would ask that the President right now do for my committee what he did for Rules and Calendar and ask if there are any people who would like to resign.

THE CHAIRMAN: Anybody who cannot -- personally not just resign because you don't like the committee or don't like the work, but because you can't come to the meetings to provide a quorum -- first of all, what is your meeting time frame now? Is that the problem?

DELEGATE CORN: The meeting time frame for us varies every week, depending upon when there are hearings, when there have been roundtables, et cetera, et cetera, and every week it will vary and especially when we start getting into the constitutional task, it's going to vary even more. Between the first and second readings, we will have to redraft whatever is submitted.

So this week I gave the schedule earlier this week. It's going to be set on a weekly schedule.

THE CHAIRMAN: That means that the members of your committee who will constitute that quorum must have flexible schedules?

DELEGATE CORN: They must have some flexibility. I don't mind when somebody doesn't come because they have another meeting or a commitment of a doctor's appointment or something.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Now is there anybody on the Style and Drafting Committee who believes that he or she

from this point on will not be able to meet on a regular basis thus allowing a quorum to be formed on a flexible schedule.

DELEGATE FEELY: When you say flexible schedule, that's fine. I find it difficult to get off from work all the time for meetings, although I'm willing to try to get off at least once a week for half a day, until such time --

THE CHAIRMAN: It's always on Fridays?

DELEGATE CORN: No. Our meetings are -- as I say, every week it's different. As I announced the schedule earlier, Monday from 4:00 to 6:00; Tuesday from 4:00 to 6:30; Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 with an hour's break; and Friday from 1:30 to 6:00 with a half-hour break.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do all of your committee members have those dates?

DELEGATE CORN: Well, I had passed them out last week and put them in everybody's box.

THE CHAIRMAN: For next week?

DELEGATE CORN: Yes. They have been in everybody's box.

THE CHAIRMAN: Could we assume that people could make -- if a quorum number could make that next week, that that would constitute an essential quorum for the rest of

convention?

Are there members of the committee who know that they can make the schedule of the Style and Drafting Committee which has been passed out to you?

DELEGATE KAMENY: Can or cannot?

THE CHAIRMAN: Can.

Corn, you could make it; anybody else that's two.

DELEGATE CORN: What, two who dropped off?

DELEGATE KAMENY: No, two can make it.

THE CHAIRMAN: The schedule you just indicated, right, you can make it.

DELEGATE CORN: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Kameny can make it. That's two. How many others who are here?

(Raising of hands.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Three.

How many other members of your committee are here now who have not raised their hands?

(Raising of hands.)

THE CHAIRMAN: So that's six people who cannot make that.

DELEGATE CORN: Any of those times?

VOICE: All of those times is the question he asked.

DELEGATE CORN: Oh, no. The question is can they make -- because you don't need everyone of them there every time to get a quorum. With 13 members if you have any seven, you've got a quorum.

So the question is -- let's just go through this. Monday, 4:00 to 6:00, how many of you can come?

THE CHAIRMAN: Don't anybody raise a point of order now. This is the only place and time we can work this work. Let's take the time to do it.

DELEGATE CORN: Monday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.; if you are on my committee, can you make it please? Raise your hand nice and high.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Can I answer yes if I can make it 4:00 to 5:30?

DELEGATE CORN: Yes.

(Raising of hands.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Six. Is there a seventh?

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Let's get the rest of the time. Maybe we can get the convention to go along with the constitutional quorum for that purpose.

DELEGATE CORN: Tuesday, 4:00 to 6:30, raise your hands.

(Raising of hands.)

DELEGATE CORN: Six.

THE CHAIRMAN: I count seven.

DELEGATE CORN: Where did you find the seventh person?

DELEGATE JONES: You're the seventh person.

DELEGATE CORN: No, no, I counted me as one.

THE CHAIRMAN: You've got seven.

DELEGATE CORN: All right, Thursday from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.; you will have an hour break.

(Raising of hands.)

DELEGATE CORN: Six. Love, if you keep raising your hand, you had better show up.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Corn, that will not solve our problem.

DELEGATE CORN: Friday from 1:30 to 6:00 with a half an hour break.

(Raising of hands.)

DELEGATE CORN: Six. Come on, who else? Marcus is seven.

See, I would suggest that we could drop the number -- either get rid of the people who haven't chosen three, four meetings in a row. And we have quite -- we've had one person

in particular.

THE CHAIRMAN: In order to reduce the number of persons required for a quorum, is there anybody who is willing to resign from that committee? We can do that a lot faster than changing the rules.

Is anybody willing to resign from that committee in order to enhance the likelihood of getting a quorum?

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Nobody is willing to do that, right? Can you conduct your business without having a quorum at every meeting?

DELEGATE CORN: Sure.

THE CHAIRMAN: And make your final decisions at that one meeting where you can get a quorum?

DELEGATE CORN: Well, the trouble is, for instance, a lot of times when all the seven people we might have in the course of a four or five-hour period, seven, eight, nine, even ten people but they are not there simultaneously.

THE CHAIRMAN: I'm going to leave it to your persuasive power to get one more person. All you've got to do is go out and get one person; you have six guaranteed. Okay? I think that is about as far as we can go.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: I'm sure, as you just said,

that is as much time as we can spend but I would say that that's a very important committee. But I have some problems. And I think you as the chairperson should deal with it. You've got a committee there that has yet to receive a proposal. So they are having a lot of meetings to meet, as far as I am concerned -- to discuss a lot of things that are not as important. Once they get the proposal, they could start actually writing.

Now if they are having trouble meeting and I agree with Mr. Cooper, based on the show of hands,I only saw one day out of those three that you are going to have a quorum. We need to reduce the quorum. We need to do it by percentage basis so that we can find some way that we can have a quorum so that we can do business. That's very, very important.

Therefore, I move that -- that requires suspending of the rules and we need to change the quorum. Mr. Schrag, I don't have the rules. What is the quorum for those committees, two-thirds?

DELEGATE SCHRAG: The quorum is a majority and to change it all you need to do is get a two-thirds' suspension of the rules here and you could --

DELEGATE BALDWIN: So I think that's very, very important now. And I think we need to get our two-thirds'

vote, suspend the rules so that we allow a percentage so that these committees can be. And I think Rules has had the same kind of problem. Whatever we do for this one will apply to Rules and Calendar.

This body once and for all will have addressed that issue, taken control; therefore, I move that the quorum for those non-substantive committees or operative committees be suspended and that the quorum be set on a percentage basis to be determined during the discussion. As I say, I don't have all the facts. I don't know how many people are on that.

DELEGATE CORN: There are 13 on the committee and I would say a quorum should be set at five.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: There are 13 members? So 30 percent would be about five.

DELEGATE CORN: Five.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the percentage -- Mr. Robinson, how many are on your committee?

DELEGATE ROBINSON: There are 13 people now on the Rules Committee and may I just make a suggestiong that on two operating committees, as chairperson of the Rules Committee, that one-third be considered a quorum for the two operating committees, which would mean in the case of a

committee with twelve persons, four people could carry on business; in the case of fifteen, five persons.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE BALDWIN: But my motion is to suspend the rules and that a quorum would in fact be 30 percent of the membership of those two committees which would be approximately five people that would be allowed to do business.

DELEGATE KAMENY: The point is making it 30 percent or one-third, just so that I know exactly what you are saying?

DELEGATE BALDWIN: I would say 30 percent is a little less than one-third. One-third is 33-1/3 percent.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Second.

DELEGATE CORN: Amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that the rules be suspended to allow the quorum in the case of the operating committees to consist of 30 percent.

DELEGATE CORN: I would move a substitute; 33 percent should be five people.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that the rules be suspended to allow the operating committee to meet with a quorum constituting 30 percent of its membership. Is there any discussion?

Delegate Corn, Delegate Long, Delegate Moore.

DELEGATE CORN: I would move an amendment to that, that there -- I would move an amendment to that that where Delegate Baldwin said 30 percent -- I would move that that be changed to 33-1/3 percent.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE CORN: That way my committee, which has 13 members, would have a quorum at five as opposed to four.

DELEGATE LOVE: Second.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE LOVE: I would like to second that motion.

DELEGATE CORN: It has already been seconded.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that 30 percent be increased to 33-1/3 percent.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: When all this discussion began, I had my hand up first prior to Mr. Coates, but he was recognized before me, or Baldwin, excuse me.

What I was trying to raise was that I think if this schedule of the committee had been discussed by a quorum of the committee, we could have been able to resolve it ourselves. And I still recommend that. I think we could forget all of this discussion and forget the motion and the maker of

the motion will consider that. So there are committees to meet after this session and decide on a schedule because that's why many people were not able to make the schedule because the schedule was decided without a quorum.

DELEGATE CORN: That is simply not true. Point of personal privilege. That is simply not true, Brian.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: (Bringing the convention to order.)

There is a motion on the floor, all right. Delegate Brian Moore has made a suggestion. He spoke to the motion.

Delegate Long.

DELEGATE LONG: Yes. I believe there is a little confusion. We are now discussing the substance of something we had not agreed we were going to discuss. The first thing to do is decide whether we want to suspend the rules and then we can raise the question.

So I ask the chair to put that first motion to a vote to suspend the rules.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. May I have a motion to suspend the rules.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: I asked the maker of the motion if she would consider withdrawing the motion.

VOICE: I move that we suspend the rules.

DELEGATE CORN: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that we suspend the rules. Those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed.

(A chorus of "nays".)

DELEGATE CORN: I call for division.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those in favor of suspending the rules, would you please signify by raising your hand.

(Show of hands.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Long, you had your hand up. We would be glad to count you if you wanted us to. You were having a discussion.

Those opposed.

(Show of hands.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those abstaining.

(Show of hands.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion carries.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE BALDWIN: The motion is carried, Mr. President.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE BALDWIN: The chair has asked that I restate my motion now that the motion to suspend has been approved. Mr. President, I move that the quorum of the two committees, operative committees, be 30 percent of the members so approved.

DELEGATE CORN: There was an amendment with a second in it.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Now just please, Mr. Long called a parliamentary procedure that was accepted and, number one, we had actually voted to suspend. So once we voted, our motion is out of order and then I have to come back and I have to restate my motion again. That's all I'm doing, restating the motion.

DELEGATE COOPER: Don't we have a rule that says you can suspend the rules for a specific purpose. That's what you did.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Okay. It could have been done either way.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Therefore, I will move again that the quorum for those two committees be 30 percent.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second to that motion?

DELEGATE BARNES: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that the quorum for the operating committees to be 30 percent. Discussion? Ready for the question?

Delegate Corn, the chair rules that the first motion was out of order. I mean Delegate Long was correct; you've got to suspend the rules first.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: There was a purpose for it, but the purpose is not included in the vote.

Those in favor of Delegate --

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE LONG: Discussion.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Delegate Long, Delegate Love, Delegate Moore, Delegate Bruning.

DELEGATE LOVE: Mr. Chair, I think allowing four people to meet for either one of these constituted quorums is a very poor idea. So I would like to move that a minimum be one-third.

DELEGATE CORN: I'll second that.

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion has been amended, moved and seconded that the motion be changed, that 30 percent be changed to 33-1/3 percent. All in favor, signify by saying yes.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion carries by two votes.

Okay. Are we ready for the question now? The question is that 33-1/3 percent of the operating committee be allowed to constitute a quorum.

Those in favor -- Delegate Bruning.

DELEGATE BRUNING: I hope I am not being unrealistic in my expectation and perhaps my estimation of the work involved in the committees, but I personally have problems with the rest of the majority making decisions in this convention and I understand the frustration when you need a quorum, but I hope the seriousness of this task will dwell upon everybody that a committee that big can need a quorum. So I guess I'm going to say that I personally prefer a quorum and I vote against the third.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Moore.

DELEGATE TALMADGE MOORE: I would like to support Ms. Corn and also the members who volunteered -- this is a point of personal privilege -- all of the members who volunteered for this committee, I think they are committed to this committee and I think, Mr. Chairman, we are wasting a lot of

time. She has to get her work out. And a person who volunteers for the committee, they are sacrificing their time, that we would have to waste a lot of time. I think we waste a lot of time --

THE CHAIRMAN: It sounds like you're speaking to the motion.

DELEGATE TALMADGE MOORE: I'm speaking to the motion also. If you have 13 members who volunteered for this committee and there are no 13 members to that committee, and I don't think we need to waste a lot of time on trying to get a quorum. And if we can't get a quorum, then I still think you should allow the members of the committee to continue their work.

Okay. Now my personal -- point of privilege is on Saturdays, Mr. Chairman, when we come down here it looks like there are a lot of technicalities and a lot of innuendoes and things of this nature. I think we should come here -- this is my point of personal privilege.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Robinson.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: I stand to speak in favor of the one-third or 33-1/3 percent being able to constitute a quorum. It is very important that the business of the convention be carried on by those persons who are committed, those

persons who themselves have attended meetings. As a result, I am asking all of you to please support the one-third or 33-1/3 quorum as the percentage for the two operating committees.

THE CHAIRMAN: Brian Moore and Kameny.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Yes, Mr. President, and fellow delegates: I would like to speak against the motion on the floor for several reasons. Number one, I think it reflects poorly on our committee and also as individual delegates if we cannot discuss amongst ourselves and decide on a schedule and adhere to that -- for us to turn to the plenary session and to the officers to help resolve this problem, I think it sets a poor precedent for the future discussions that we are going to have here in the next month.

Number two, I just don't agree or believe in one-third of a committee deciding on the business. I am a committee individual and I have attended most of these meetings, but I think it should be up to the committee to decide amongst themselves what our schedule is so that we all adhere to that and attend these sessions. And that's what I am asking the committee -- to vote against the motion and leave the business of our committee with the delegates who have decided to participate in that committee.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kameny.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Yes. Mr. Chair, like other delegates, I have some uneasiness about the smallness of the quorums. A quorum of less than 50 percent is certainly not in general unprecedented. I think we have a very real, practical problem here as those who have faithfully attended these two committees are very well aware of. Either we do want to get work done or we don't want to get work done. And ivory tower theorizing about how nice it would be to do the whole thing right is not going to get our work done.

We have sat as a committee on Style and Drafting for lengthy periods of time twiddling our thumbs, waiting for a quorum to arrive. We have found on other occasions where out of necessity we chose to do work on a group basis; we had to do it all over the second time for the benefit of the quorum when the quorum got there. This is not the way work is going to get done and in our committee we are going to have to go through according to procedures the entire constitution twice, given the processing that it gets and, if something is not done to make it more efficient, we are not going to get it done. We are dealing with real people here on these committees who have complex lives. We are going to end up if we continue this way with about one or two meetings a month when a quorum can come because we are all busy people.

Therefore, I urge passage of this motion. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Mr. President, I supported -- I will support and concur with everything that Delegate Kameny stated, but I will also serve notice on those chairpersons and those members of the committee present that this body, we as delegates, have a right to move into a committee and take care of the functioning of those committees if they can't function. All we were trying to do is give them a quorum so you could take care of business. In the future if you come back the next time without any reports or you can't make a quorum, we can move into a committee of the whole and carry out the functions of those committees. And I think we should do that.

So I withdraw the original motion and go along with the substitute that will give them one other person.

THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor of the motion, signify by raising your hands.

(Show of hands.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed.

(Show of hands.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.

(Show of hands.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion carries.

Item number (h) on the President's report, this item is labeled passing out reports to the press. There was an incident within the past hour -- I want everybody's attention. A committee member passed out a report to the press and refused to give a copy of that report to the Executive Secretary. Now we have to have a clear understanding and I would ask the member of the press who was here to respect the fact that whatever was given to you is not a document of this convention. The convention hasn't taken any action on it, whatever it was. All right?

I would ask us all to recognize that there has to be an orderly procedure. And our rules say that the President of the convention is a spokesperson of the convention. If we want to respect that technically, then everything will have to come through the one individual who will pass it out. That is not very practical. That is why we have a press officer. We have a lot of things that go to the press and the interesting thing is that nothing has come to this convention. The impression is given to the press that this is an action of the convention, and that is wrong. It could create

chaos and confusion. And we do have a process; we do have a process. And any time anything is desired to be disseminated, let it go to the Executive Secretary so the Executive Secretary can let me and the Executive Committee know that there is this issue which is to go. We may really decide this is not timely, that this is a conflict with what some committee is doing or what the convention is doing or something that we plan for the next time.

I respectfully request that all contacts with the press respect the convention structure and that is a rule that says the President is the spokesperson for the convention. That's number one. Nobody is asking the rule be changed. I would love to do that. I wouldn't have any problem speaking to the convention but --

DELEGATE MARCUS: Mr. President.

THE CHAIRMAN: I'm not finished yet.

DELEGATE MARCUS: This is not on the agenda, Mr. President.

THE CHAIRMAN: That's right, it isn't. It's such an emergency that I decided to talk about it. I thought you would be interested in that. Now maybe I could persuade you that you are interested in it. Let me finish please, sir.

DELEGATE MARCUS: Then let me say something, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: You are out of order.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: I would like to continue.

DELEGATE LOVE: You didn't want to speak about the constitutional convention --

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Love, you are out of order and you are only delaying the meeting. The President will move the agenda when he is finished making his remarks.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: I don't want you to support me in the middle of my statement. I want to finish this statement. I appreciate that, sir.

I want to make it very clear what I am saying to the press and I'm asking the press to respect that. The press certainly wants complete reports. And it wants reports not from individual delegates. If an individual delegate wants to talk with the press, it can talk to the press as an individual delegate. If he passes out anything that refers to the work of this convention, then it has to be official.

Let me admonish us all to send whatever your reports are or anything to me or the Executive Committee through the Executive Secretary. I think that's mandatory. It's conventional, it's normal and I would like that that happen.

And I ask Mr. Valentine and the others from the press here if they would respect --

DELEGATE MARCUS: The President cannot change the agenda without the --

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. The next order of business.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Mr. President, point of personal privilege please.

I personally would like to apologize for my fellow delegates' reaction to you during your presentation. And I for one appreciate your raising issues that are maybe out of order but pertinent to this body. I am not addressing the contents of your statement, but I appreciate what you are trying to do to inform the body.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, sir.

The next order of business is new business and Delegate Mason has an announcement that she would like to make.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Thank you, Mr. President. Hilda Mason at large.

I would like to have entered into the record and have transmitted to the historian the fact that an outstanding

leader in the District of Columbia who was referred to in The Post in this morning's editorial section. The quote is: "Ask anyone in the forefront of the Home Rules movement in its roughest years about Graysie McGuire, and you hear about a man who put his heart, his money and wise counsel, free counsel."

I would like the record to show that Graysie McGuire served this community well in the Home Rules movement and as chair of the Washington Urban League Board for a number of years and made a lot of very worthwhile contributions to the District of Columbia. He died on March 23rd and there are articles in The Post today and yesterday which I think should be shown in our records in a way of paying tribute to a great man in the District of Columbia.

VOICE: I second that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Did you make a motion?

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: I only asked that it be put into the record. I don't know if people are interested, but there is a friends' open house at the funeral home on Sunday, 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. and the burial is on Monday, March 29th at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 11:00.

Thank you very much, Mr. President.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Without objection, that

will be transmitted by the secretary to the historian to become part of our records.

Delegate Jordan, Delegate Barnes.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to make an announcement that the Ad Hoc Committee on Statehood Commissions and Statehood Contact Committee might have some kind of input. Even though we have circulated a report, even though it was not accepted, I would like to know if there are any comments on the report before we submit it to the Executive Committee, that if anyone wants to make those comments, please submit them to the Executive Secretary who will then in turn submit them to us.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Barnes.

DELEGATE BARNES: In order for the Committee on Finance and Taxation to proceed with its business, I would like to officially ask the convention, the general body, to approve our having a meeting -- scheduling a meeting outside the convention at 5:30 at Delegate Coates' church on April the 3rd. That should be a Saturday. And I would like to ask for official permission to schedule that meeting.

The second thing I would like to announce is if anyone has a public address microphone that would allow me to use my amplifier so that we can hear these speakers much

more easily, also one with a long cord.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: I have a question, Mr. Barnes. Is there not a plenary session scheduled for Saturday, April the 3rd?

DELEGATE BARNES: Not at 5:30.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Barnes, you made a request to hold a hearing at a different location?

DELEGATE BARNES: Not a hearing, a meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN: What meeting?

DELEGATE BARNES: The Finance and Taxation Committee a week from today at 5:30 at Delegate Coates' church and I'm asking the general body for permission to do that. It's a motion.

(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that the Finance and Taxation Committee be allowed to hold one of its meetings at Delegate Coates' church next week on April the 3rd at 5:30.

Discussion? Delegate Robinson.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: I have a question, sir. Who is the chairperson of this committee?

DELEGATE BARNES: Delegate Coates. I have his signature; he approved this.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Point of information.

DELEGATE CORN: How many other members of that committee are here now and how many of them approve of that?

DELEGATE BARNES: Okay. I have five -- if the two delegates who are up on the stage go along with me, that will be five people.

DELEGATE CORN: Will you go along?

THE CHAIRMAN: I have no problems with that.

DELEGATE CORN: Do you? Yes or no.

DELEGATE COOPER: Yes, I go along with that.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Move the previous question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Move the previous question. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Oppose.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. The motion is that the Finance and Taxation Committee be allowed to hold its next meeting at 5:30 next Saturday, April the 3rd, at 5:30 p.m.

Those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion carries.

Delegate Schrag.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Are we under new business now?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, we are.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Point of order. How did we miss the Executive Secretary's report which is on the agenda and which we haven't had?

THE CHAIRMAN: We called for her and she wasn't here.

DELEGATE KAMENY: She may have been called, so you go get her. You don't jump over the agenda item. For heaven's sake, that's silly.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Schrag.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Mr. Chairman, I move the adoption of the two proposed amendments to the rules but I certainly informed the delegates last Monday -- these are very technical amendments. They are substantive; they don't change the rules

in any significant way. All they do is bring the rules into conformity with the practices that we have observed in two areas all the way along, so that when the Style and Drafting Committee gets to these two rules, it can write them consistently with the practices of the convention.

One is to say we may have voice votes. We have been having a lot of voice votes to cut off debate. And the rules technically require that every vote of this convention be by a show of hands or roll call. So we should change that to permit the President to hold a voice vote when the question is uncontroversial. And the amendment would simply say voice vote or roll call vote.

The second would change -- would say when we have an announcement of meetings that has been approved in advance by the convention at plenary meetings scheduled and we adopted a long time ago, we can do that and the Secretary of the convention or the Executive Secretary doesn't have to go telephoning all the delegates about it. The delegates are on notice by virtue of the fact that they approved that schedule of meetings.

And I move those two amendments at this time.

(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that

Rule 4.1 and 8.3 be revised or amended as indicated by Delegate Schrag.

Discussion?

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The vote we just took by voice is now in.

Delegate Cooper.

DELEGATE KAMENY: That vote can't be by voice. That has to be two-thirds.

DELEGATE COOPER: Mr. President and convention members: I also have two proposed amendments to the rules. However, my proposed amendments are of a substantive fashion.

The amendments have been circulated in delegates' boxes approximately five days ago and the amendments affect Rule 2.4, paragraph (c) and 2.5, paragraph (f).

2.4, paragraph (c) reads as follows: "No delegate

shall serve as chair of more than one standing committee." My proposed amendment is to strike the word "standing" to such that "no delegate shall serve as the chair of more than one committee". The reason I was making this change is because the rule, as it stands right now, allows for a delegate to serve as a chair of a standing committee, as well as a chair of as many ad hoc committees as the President may deem him to serve. That was why I was proposing the rule be changed in 2.4(c).

And 2.5(f) which currently reads: "No standing committee may hold sessions during convention sessions without the consent of the convention." My proposed amendment would be to strike the word "standing", such that the rule would read: "No committee may hold sessions during convention sessions without the consent of the convention." As it currently reads, any of the several ad hoc committees can certainly hold sessions during the convention, thus depriving the convention of a quorum to do business.

So, Mr. President, I move the adoption of these two amendments to the rules.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that Rules 2.4 and 2.5 be amended as indicated.

DELEGATE THOMAS: Mr. President, I would like to speak against the motion. I do speak against Mr. Schrag's motion because his was of the same nature. But I would like speak against Mr. Cooper's motion because we tried in the Rules Committee last night, when we had a quorum, to speak to the same subject -- the same subject, both of the subjects that came up today.

Since we have adopted rules to change the rules where we can function in the Rules Committee, I would like to refer it back to the Rules Committee for more discussion before it is brought to the floor.

DELEGATE COOPER: That is out of order.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Robinson, Delegate Jordan.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: I should like to speak against the adoption of Mr. Cooper's amendment to Rule 2.5. I believe that the President of the convention should have the right to -- he has the right according to the rules to appoint ad hoc committees and, if it is the President's desire to appoint a person who is now serving as a committee chair, as a chair of an ad hoc committee, I think the President ought to have that right. I think that it is an infringement on the rights of the persons who are serving on the ad hoc committees to be denied the chair of an ad hoc committee, which

by its very nature has a limited duration and I don't see any conflicts. And I ask the body to vote against the adoption of 2.4 and 2.5.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, I don't know if we are being held strictly to the position of 2.2 again. If we are, then I will sit down because I don't want to speak against that motion.

My opposition to the motion is that I know Rule 7.1 is quite clear and quite explicit inasmuch as it says that if after a four-day period of time the Rules Committee does not take action on a proposal, that the proposal should be considered by the convention. My only problem, Mr. Chairman, and to the delegate who has made the motion is that I wish that we could give the Committee on Rules an opportunity to --

THE CHAIRMAN: Point of order.

DELEGATE COOPER: Mr. President, the delegate is speaking to Rule 7.1. The motion is to adopt rules affecting 2.4 and 2.5.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chair, I'm not debating 7.1. I'm just saying this is the process that was used to bring the amendment before the body. And all I was recommending is that we delay this. I'm going to vote against it and give

the Rules Committee an opportunity to consider this.

My only problem of not considering this particular amendment is we haven't been able to get a quorum. That problem has been alleviated by action on this. I'm just saying why can't the Rules Committee be given an opportunity. So I hope other people will be as charitable as I am and vote against the motion and give the Rules Committee an opportunity to --

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, that's three against. Any for? Do you want to speak for it?

DELEGATE COOPER: Yes.

Mr. Jordan just mentioned that he wanted the Rules Committee to have an opportunity. As defined in the Rule 7.1 that he alluded to, opportunity consists of four-calendar days in which to consider the amendment. Well, I think that because this thing has been circulated since the 16th, they have had opportunity as defined by this body. And that is why it has been brought before this body in the proper fashion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE CHARLES MASON: I rise to make a parliamentary inquiry. Mr. Cooper offered two amendments to our rules and I am asking whether we shall have opportunity to vote individually on each of his two amendments. Some of us

may want to vote one way on one of them and another way on the other.

I asked that they be voted upon separately.

DELEGATE FEELY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved that these two rules, 2.4 and 2.5, are voted on separately. You seconded it, right?

DELEGATE FEELY: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any discussion on that?

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor of voting on them separately, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Carried.

We will vote first on 2.4. Any discussion on 2.4?

Delegate Moore.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Yes. Last week I made a motion that we request the Rules Committee to bring it to the floor today or at least it be addressed, but it failed for lack

of a quorum.

I'm going to reverse myself a little bit now and move that this body refer this matter back to the Rules Committee in order for them to give it consideration so that they can come back to us and give us a recommendation. I do this because I think it's important that the committees assume their share of responsibility and, since things have been rectified now and there has been a guarantee of a quorum, I think this would enhance their committee's role in our convention.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Second.

DELEGATE COOPER: That motion is out of order.

THE CHAIRMAN: Point of order.

DELEGATE COOPER: My point of order is that it cannot be referred back to the Rules Committee simply because it was brought before this body in the proper fashion.

THE CHAIRMAN: That doesn't make it impossible to refer it back.

The motion was seconded. This is a substitute motion?

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: The substitute motion is that this proposal be referred to the Rules Committee in light of the fact that the Rules Committee, having not followed the rule

of reporting it out within that four-day period, it has now so constituted that it is likely to do that.

DELEGATE BARNES: Point of order.

THE CHAIRMAN: Point of order.

DELEGATE BARNES: I think we have lost our point.

THE CHAIRMAN: There are now 21 members in the house. We cannot take action.

Are there any notices, any announcements anyone wants to make before we leave?

DELEGATE KAMENY: A point of order, Mr. President. I think as to the quorum, we should seek other members. Make sure there are no delegates in the halls.

THE CHAIRMAN: There is a requirement?

DELEGATE KAMENY: I understand the requirement is you can seek other members or adjourn if there is not a quorum.

DELEGATE THOMAS: Mr. Chairman, I move that we adjourn.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kameny, there is a motion to adjourn.

Second?

(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor?

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: This meeting stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 4:00 p.m., the plenary session was adjourned.)

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